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FOR EBA: DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY JOHN RENNER

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SUBJECT: US APPROACH TO MTN

1. " FINANCIAL TIMES" OF LONDON DATED MAY 10 CARRIES
STORY BY PAUL LEWIS, APER' S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT,
ON TESTIMONY OF SECRETARY SHULTZ TO HOUSE WAYS AND
MEANS COMMITTEE MAY 9, LEWIS QUOTES SECRETARY AS SAYING
THAT HE EXPECTED MTN TO PRODUCE " MORE GIVING THAN TAKING
SO FAR AS OTHER PEOPLE ARE CONCERNED", AND AS EMPHASIZ-
ING THAT WORD " RECIPROCAL" DID NOT APPEAR IN HIS PREPARED
STATEMENT ON TRADE BILL.

2. IN EXAMINING TEXT OF SECRETARY SHULTZ' S STATEMENT
CARRIED IN WIRELESS FILE WE FIND NO LANGUAGE ALONG THESE
LINES AND ASSUME THAT IF SECRETARY MADE THESE STATEMENTS
IT WAS UNDER QUESTIONING.

3. WE HAVE HITHERTO BEEN UNDER IMPRESSION THAT USG IS
PREPARED TO GIVE AS MUCH AS IT GETS IN MTN AND SENIOR
USG OFFICIALS VISITING HERE HAVE FOLLOWED THIS LINE WITH
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GON. AS RECENTLY AS MAY 9 WE INFORMED NETHERLANDS CENTRAL ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES THAT OUR INTENT IN MTN IS TO HAVE RECIPROCAL NEGOTIATION AND WE CITED JOINT US- EC DECLARATION OF FEBRUARY 1972 AND LANGUAGE IN PRESIDENT' S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT TO THAT EFFECT

4. AS DEPT. IS FULLY AWARE, EUROPEANS, PARTICULARLY FRENCH, HAVE FREQUENTLY EXPRESSED VIEW THAT US WILL ATTEMPT TO USE MTN AS FORUM IN WHICH OUR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICITS CAN BE REDUCED BY EXACTING UNILATERAL CONCESSIONS FROM EC, JAPAN AND OTHERS. IF WE ARE TO OVERCOME THIS LINE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE UNAMBIGUOUS STATEMENT THAT THIS NOT IN FACT OUR INTENTION.
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